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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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SUBJECT: DISCOVERER/SENTRY Program Funding

TO: Commander
Air Force Ballistic Missile Division
AF Unit Post Office
Los Angeles 45, California

1. Reference is made to your 25 February 1959 letter, subject as above, which discussed the present funding for the Point Arguello launcher and the Vandenberg Missile Assembly Building.

2. I recognize your concern with respect to having more intimate control of programs through complete ownership of the facilities. However, as you know, the ARPA specifically received Congressional authorization and funds for these facilities.

3. I feel that in actual operations the Air Force, through its relationship with ARPA in the space programs, will have full utilization of these facilities for projects which your office is sponsoring under the cognizance of the ARPA. It is also a known fact that regardless of the funds used to procure the facilities that at such time as ARPA has no further use for these facilities they become the property of the Air Force and the Navy.

4. Based on the above, I do not feel that any action should be taken to change the financing of these facilities.

FOR THE CHIEF OF STAFF:

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Brigadier General, USAF
Director of Budget

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